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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED ASTRONAUT VISIT

1. NASA CONCERNED THAT ASTRONAUTS MIGHT BE ATTRACTIVE, HIGHLY VISIBLE TARGETS FOR TERRORIST KIDNAPPING, HIJACKING, OR OTHER DANGER. THEY REQUEST STATE/USIA ASSURANCE THAT ALL REASONABLE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MINIMIZE DANGERS AND PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE PROTECTION. THEREFORE NEED BY RETURN IMMEDIATE CABLE COUNTRY TEAM ESTIMATE OF LOCAL SECURITY RISK AND DEGREE OF DANGER. YOUR ESTIMATE SHOULD INCLUDE POLITICAL AND INTELLIGENCE FACTORS, AS WELL AS EVALUATION OF HOST GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION. CAN LOCAL PROGRAM LIMIT EXPOSURE TO CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTS AND MEETINGS BY INVITATION ONLY?

2. ADDITIONALLY NEED DETAILS OF ANY ASSURANCES HOST GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED MISSION RE PROTECTION AND SECURITY. HAS EMBASSY MADE REPRESENTATIONS IN THIS REGARD? WILL APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO ASSURE COMPLETE COOPERATION OF LOCAL
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SECURITY FORCES? HAS PROGRAM BEEN COORDINATED WITH HOST GOVERN-

MENT SECURITY FORCES TO REDUCE EXPOSURE AND MINIMIZE RISK?
WOULD DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND MFA REPLY INCREASE LIKELIHOOD THAT
HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION?

3. REQUEST CONTINUING SITREPS.

4. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO ASSIGNING SECURITY OFFICER TO
TRAVEL IN ADVANCE OF THE ASTRONAUT PARTY TO ASSIST POST IN
WORKING WITH HOST GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES. CONSIDERING ALSO
SECURITY OFFICER WHO WOULD TRAVEK WITH PARTY. KISSINGER

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